

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING 450 N Street, Room 121, Sacramento

**NOTICE AND AGENDA** Meeting Agenda (as of 10:00 a.m., 01/21/09)

January 21-22, 2009

First District, San Francisco

BILL LEONARD Second District, Ontario/Sacramento

MICHELLE STEEL Third District, Rolling Hills Estates

> JUDY CHU, Ph.D. Fourth District, Los Angeles

> > JOHN CHIANG State Controller

RAMON J. HIRSIG **Executive Director** 

## Agenda Changes

Live Audio and Video Broadcast of Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

#### **Board Committee Meeting Convenes\*** 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting Convenes upon Adjournment of the Board Committee Meeting\*\*

Agenda items occur in the order in which they appear on the agenda. When circumstances warrant, the Board's Chair, Dr. Chu, may modify the order of the items on the agenda. Items may be postponed to a subsequent day; however, items will not be moved to an earlier day.

## **Board Committee Meetings\***

#### 2009 Legislative Proposals

## **Business Taxes**

Set forth below are suggestions for Business Taxes legislation to be sponsored by the Board in the first year of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session. Additional suggestions will be included on the agenda for February 2009.

- 2-2 Add section 524 to the Evidence Code to specify that the burden of proof is with the Board in any assertion of penalties for intent to evade or fraud and require a clear and convincing evidence standard for such assertions, as specified.
- 2-3 Add section 525 to the Evidence Code to specify that in a court of law any assertion of penalties (other than intent to evade or fraud) requires a preponderance of the evidence standard for such penalties and the burden of proof is placed on the Board in its assertion of such penalties.

2-4 Add Part 10.1 (commencing with section 15706) to Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code to specify that the Board and the Franchise Tax-Board (FTB) shall have the burden of proof in any court or administrative tax proceeding, with respect to a factual issue related to ascertaining the tax liability of a taxpayer that has established that it is a cooperating taxpayer, as defined.

#### **Business Taxes - Sales and Use Taxes**

Set forth below are suggestions for Sales and Use Taxes legislation to be sponsored by the Board in the first year of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session. Additional suggestions will be included on the agenda for February 2009.

- 3-7 Amend Revenue and Taxation Code sections 6011 and 6012 to eliminate the sales and use tax exclusion for separately stated charges for transportation.
- 3-8 Amend Revenue and Taxation Code section 6018.6 to provide that specified garment cleaning establishments shall be regarded as consumers, rather than retailers, of tangible personal property they sell, provided those sales do not exceed one-half of one percent of their total gross receipts for the preceding calendar year.

## **Business Taxes – Special Taxes**

Set forth below are suggestions for Special Taxes legislation to be sponsored by the Board in the first year of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session. Additional suggestions will be included on the agenda for February 2009.

- 4-1 Amend Revenue and Taxation Code section 30141 to revise the minimum amount of security required from a cigarette distributor from \$1,000 per licensed location to an amount determined by the Board and add security release requirements consistent with other Board-administered programs. Also amend section 30142 to remove provisions not related to the security requirements for purchasing cigarette tax stamps on credit.
- 4-2 Amend Revenue and Taxation Code sections 7339 and 60003 of the Motor Vehicle Fuel and Diesel Fuel Tax Laws, respectively, to redefine a terminal to include a fuel production facility with storage so that facilities outside the bulk transfer system have the same licensing and reporting requirements as terminals supplied by pipeline or vessel.
- 4-3 Amend Revenue and Taxation Code sections 60501 and 60508, and repeal sections 60508.1, 60508.2, 60508.4, and 60509, to allow a supplier of diesel fuel to file a claim for refund or claim a credit on their supplier return on behalf of retailers for qualified sales to consulate officers or consulate employees, or to the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities.

- 4-4 Amend Revenue and Taxation Code sections 60022 and 60023 to clarify that the definition of "diesel fuel" includes biodiesel, other biomass-based diesel fuel, and blends. Also add sections 60022.1, 60022.2, 60022.3, 60022.4 and 60023.1 to define biodiesel, biomass, biomass-based diesel, petroleum-based diesel, and raw vegetable oil, respectively.
- 4-5 Add section 55041.1 to the Revenue and Taxation Code to require annual feepayers under programs administered pursuant to the Fee Collection Procedures Law to file a closing return when they close or sell their business.

#### Administration

Set forth below is a suggestion for administrative legislation to be sponsored by the Board in the first year of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session. Additional suggestions will be included on the agenda for February 2009.

5-2 Amend Vehicle Code section 1808.4 to add the Board's limited peace officers to the list of public employees and officials whose home addresses are granted enhanced confidentiality by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

# <u>Customer Service and Administrative</u>

 Taxpayers' Rights Advocate's 2007-08 Property and Business Taxes Annual Report

Presentation of Annual Report highlighting Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office accomplishments, involvement in projects, current issues, and examples of services provided.

## **Board Meeting\*\***

## **Organization of the Board**

The Board will vote to elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

## **Oral Hearings**

A. Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Assistance Hearings
There are no items for this matter.

## B. Corporate Franchise and Personal Income Tax Hearings

(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code § 15626.)

## B1. Argonaut Group, Inc., 287738+

For Appellant: Marty Dakessian, Attorney

Patrick Shannon, Attorney Walter Hellerstein, Attorney

For Franchise Tax Board: Karen Smith, Tax Counsel

#### B2. Mahnaz Judson, 424321+

For Appellant: Mahnaz Judson-Westerberg, Taxpayer

D. Kent Westerberg, Attorney

For Franchise Tax Board: Diane Ewing, Tax Counsel

## B3. John D. Bogdanoff and Janora G. Bogdanoff, 440634+

For Appellant: Janora Bogdanoff, Taxpayer For Franchise Tax Board: Suzanne Small, Tax Counsel

#### B4. Jacek Kostyrko and Zofia Kostyrko, 443905+

For Appellant: Jacek Kostyrko, Taxpayer
For Franchise Tax Board: Suzanne Small, Tax Counsel

## C. Sales and Use Tax Appeals Hearings

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## C1. Southcorp Packaging USA, Inc., 224867 (EH)+

For Petitioner: Howard J. Barnhorst II, Attorney

Phillip F. O'Conner, Representative Charles N. Russitano, Representative

Doug Roberts, Representative Nadine Hotaling, Representative

For Department: Robert Tucker, Tax Counsel

## C2. Convenience Acquisition Co. LLC, 236133 (KH)+

For Petitioner: Appearance Waived

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

## D. Special Taxes Appeals Hearings

These items are scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009.

There are no items for the following matters:

- E. Property Tax Appeals Hearings
- F. Public Hearings

## G. Tax Program Nonappearance Matters – Consent

(Contribution Disclosure forms <u>not</u> required pursuant to Gov. Code § 15626.)

- G1. Legal Appeals Matters......Mr. Levine
  - ➤ Hearing Notices Sent No Response
    - 1. Harinderpal S. Ahluwalia, 350150 (KH)
    - Universal Dental Studio, Inc., 339701 (GH)
  - ➤ Hearing Notice Sent Appearance Waived
    - 3. Rizalde V. Sandoval, 332206 (EH)
  - Petitions for Release of Seized Property
    - 4. Amar Singh, 459750 (ET)
    - 5. Youssef A. Salah, 466071 (ET)
    - 6. Khoury and Azar, Inc., 423828 (ET)
    - 7. Gigis Liquor #2, Inc., 466069 (ET)
    - 8. Nirbhai Singh and Parmjeet Kaur, 466075 (ET)
- G2. Franchise and Income Tax Matters ......Ms. Kelly
  - Decisions
    - 1. Steven C. Agid, 397339
    - 2. Terri R. Amuwa, 357021
    - Winston Bear Child and Teresita P. Bear Child, 400991
    - 4. Debra J. Berini, 395919
    - 5. Butch Berry, 361529
    - 6. John Buergel, 388878
    - 7. Miguel R. Dacones, 362356
    - 8. Jan M. Dixon, 400994
    - Daniel Ebenezer and Padmini Ebenezer, 340164
    - 10. Maria Theresa Gonzales, 404649
    - 11. George Jaresko, 349404
    - 12. Sucheta Kapuria, 288980
    - 13. Amy C. Ku, 384772
    - 14. Donna J. Lawell, 381474
    - 15. LSI Logic Corporation & Subsidiaries, 402104
    - 16. Nancy Lucero, 405939
    - 17. Constance L. Maples, 382846
    - 18. Mazen M. Mardini and Hafia Mardini, 393429
    - 19. Michael Maurer and Anna G. Maurer, 351807
    - 20. MD Biotech Corp., 398016
    - 21. Masoud Molaei and Lesli Molaei, 377126
    - 22. Gregory Teeters, 406026
    - 23. Pedro J. Ugarte and Patricia V. Ugarte, 402854
    - 24. Jose Arnel Viray, 361472

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G3.	As	sistal Dec 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 22. 23. 24. 25.	wner and Renter Property Tax nce Matters	Ms. Kelly
G4.			nd Use Taxes Matters eterminations Lithographix, Inc., 373226 (AS) Inland Paperboard & Packaging, Inc., 397940 (OH) Starbucks Corporation, 459050 (OH) American School of Aviation, 446983 (UT) Edison Security Corp., 342575 (AP)	Ms. Henry

- Relief of Penalty/Interest
  - 6. Lamps Plus, Inc., 467870 (AC)
  - 7. Round Table Development Co., 468139 (CH)
  - 8. Jeromes Furniture Warehouse, Inc., 467205 (FH)
  - 9. Cardinal Health Solutions, Inc., 467208 (FH)
- Denials of Claims for Refund
  - 10. Comverse, Inc., 405479 (OH)
  - 11. NEC Business Network Solutions, Inc., 304869 (OH)
  - 12. Edison Security Corp., 303287 (AP)
  - 13. Onquest Engineering, Inc., 418113 (AP)
  - 14. Capital One Auto Finance, Inc., 418110 (OH)
  - 15. Capital One Auto Finance, Inc., 367336 (OH)
  - 16. First Data Technologies, Inc., 424694 (OH)
  - 17. Union Leasing Trust, 444322 (OH)
- - Credits and Cancellations
    - 1. Plasticorp, 470195 (AS)
    - Moss Motors, LTD, 468327 (GH)
    - 3. Chance USA, LLC, 377736 (UT)
    - 4. WMK Office San Diego, LLC, 468484 (FH)
    - Neotek Properties of Florida, Inc., 465992 (AS)
  - Refunds
    - 6. Nissan North America, Inc., 457489 (OH)
    - 7. Los Angeles Harbor Department, 466255 (EA)
    - 8. California Institute of Technology, 315350 (AP)
    - 9. McJunkin Corporation, 246365 (OH)
    - 10. Levi-Strauss & Co., 331372 (BH)
    - 11. Burlingame Industries, Inc., 464784 (EH)
    - 12. Rotolo Chevrolet, Inc., 444516 (EH)
    - 13. Traffic Control Service, Inc., 438007 (OH)
    - 14. Garden State International Trucks, Inc., 444520 (GH)
    - 15. United Aviation Fuels Corporation, 433455 (OH)
    - 16. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, 451253 (KH)
    - 17. Tivo, Inc., 445331 (GH)
    - 18. Miramax Film Corporation, 465981 (OH)
    - 19. Merge Emed, Inc., 423623 (OH)
    - 20. Wachovia Dealer Services, Inc., 461704 (EA)
    - 21. Bmar & Associates, Inc., 359343 (OH)
    - 22. Harbor Distributing, LLC, 459072 (EA)
    - 23. Aspen Technology, Inc., 465978 (OH)
    - 24. University of San Francisco, 465983 (BH)
    - 25. General Petroleum Corporation, 432406 (AA)
    - 26. Wright Graphics, Inc., 399854 (AC)
    - 27. Visa International Services Association, 425404 (BH)
    - 28. IXOS Software, Inc., 464521 (BH)
    - 29. Bill Cahan & Associates, A California Corporation, 444362 (BH)

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30. Peyton Cramer Infiniti, 462377 (AS)
31. Onquest Engineering, Inc., 418113(AP)
32. Capital One Auto Finance, Inc., 418110 (OH)
33. Capital One Auto Finance, Inc., 367336 (OH)
34. Affymetrix, Inc., 462490 (GH)
35. Affymetrix, Inc., 441877 (GH)
36. Rancho Santa Fe Thrift & Loan, 462375 (FH)
37. Intrans Group, Inc., 466322 (OH)
38. Joel Edward Shapiro, 419953 (KH)
39. Triton Acceptance Corporation, 461706 (EA)
40. Shasta Regional Medical Center, 426876 (KH)
41. Bluelinx Corporation, 445930 (OH)
42. Drive Financial Services, LP, 340709 (OH)
43. First Data Technologies, Inc., 466693 (OH)
44. Kerman AG Resources, Inc., 435150 (KH)
45. Volo Holdings Hayward, LLC, 446966 (CH)
G6. Special Taxes Matters
➤ Relief of Penalty
1. Petro-Diamond Incorporated, 467745 (MT) 'CF'
<ul> <li>Denials of Relief of Penalty</li> </ul>
2. Big West of California, LLC, 460290 (MT)
G7. Special Taxes Matters – Credits, Cancellations,
and Refunds Mr. Gau
Refunds
Eisenhower Medical Center, 446764 (EF)
2. Republic Services Vasco Road, LLC, 466853 (ER)
There are no items for these matters.
There are no items for these matters:
G8. Property Tax Matters
G9. Cigarette License Fee Matters
G10.Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters
Tax Program Nonappearance Matters – Adjudicatory
(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code § 15626.)
H1 Logal Appeals Matters
H1. Legal Appeals MattersMr. Levine  ➤ Hearing Notice Sent – No Response
<ol> <li>Cindy A. Saito, 339713 (KH)</li> <li>Case Heard But Not Decided ***</li> </ol>
2 City of Anaheim, 254561
➤ Local Tax Reallocation Hearings ***
3. City of Los Angeles, 472907
4. City of Stockton, 472908
5. Cities of Los Angeles, San Jose, and Irvine, 472925
6. Cities of Los Angeles, San Jose, and Hvine, 472928
7. City of Sacramento, 472921
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H2.	Franchise and Income Tax Matters
H3.	Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Assistance Matters
H4.	Sales and Use Taxes Matters There are no items for this matter.
H5.	Sales and Use Taxes Matters – Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds
H6.	Special Taxes Matters
H7. H8. H9.	re are no items for these matters: Special Taxes Matters – Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds Property Tax Matters Cigarette License Fee Matters Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters
	Program Nonappearance Matters  ntribution Disclosure forms <u>not</u> required pursuant to Gov. Code § 15626.)
I1.	Property Taxes Matters

#### **Chief Counsel Matters**

There are no items for the following matters:

- J. Rulemaking
- K. Business Taxes
- L. Property Taxes
- M. Other Chief Counsel Matters

#### **Administrative Session**

The following items are scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009.

- N. Consent Agenda
- O. Adoption of Board Committee Reports and Approval of Committee Actions
- P. Other Administrative Matters

#### Q. Closed Session

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Adjourn - The meeting will reconvene on Thursday, January 22, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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- + Material is available for this Item.
- ++ Material will be available at a later date.
- "CF" Constitutional Function The Deputy State Controller may not participate in this matter under Government Code section 7.9.



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#### **Oral Hearings**

# B. Corporate Franchise and Personal Income Tax Hearing

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B5. Standard Register Company, 417837+

For Appellant: Marty Dakessian, Attorney

Jon A. Sperring, Representative LaShelle T. Wilson, Attorney

For Franchise Tax Board: Ann Hodges, Tax Counsel

## C. Sales and Use Tax Appeals Hearings

(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Gov. Code § 15626.)

C3. Zenaida Laxamana, Manuel Gurion, Ester Gurion, Linda Gurion

389908 (BH)+

For Petitioner: Zenaida Laxamana, Taxpayer

Raul S. Picardo, Attorney

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C4. <u>John F. Steele and Gayle Jeannie Steele, 333230 (UT)+</u>
For Petitioner: Gary Kimzey, Representative
For Department: Christine Bisauta, Tax Counsel

C5. Hardial Singh Pannu and Davinder Kaur Pannu, 390331 (GH)+

For Petitioner: Hardial Singh Pannu, Taxpayer

Davinder Kaur Pannu, Taxpayer Jagrup Kaur Pannu, Witness

For Department: Scott Lambert, Hearing Representative

C6. A.B.C Lumber Jack's, Inc., 351536 (EH)+

For Petitioner: Appearance Waived

For Department: Stephen Smith Tax Counsel

## D. Special Taxes Appeals Hearings

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D1. Fassel M. Elder and Amal Elder, 272656 (MT)+

For Petitioner: Norman L. Gould, Representative Carolee Johnstone, Tax Counsel

## Seized Property Appeal Hearing

D2. Avis Corporation, 457948 (ET)+

For Petitioner: Subhash Grover, Representative For Department: Monica Silva, Tax Counsel

## **Administrative Session**

N. Consent Agenda ...... Ms. Olson

## N1. Board Employee Retirement Resolutions+

- Blanca M. Breeze
- Cynthia Bresnan
- Maria Cabrera-Sahagian
- Leon W. Clark III
- Craig J. Clauson
- Richard L. DaPrato
- Lucian J. Khan
- Patricia G. Lucero
- Reynaldo D. Obligacion
- Jerry S. Pero
- Terry E. Skeen

	N2.	Approval	of Board	Meeting	Minutes
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- November 12 13, 2008+
- November 18, 2008+

## O. Adoption of Board Committee Reports and Approval of Committee Actions

- O1. Legislative Committee
- O2. Customer Service and Administrative Efficiency Committee

## P. Other Administrative Matters

There are no items for the following matters:

- P1. Executive Director's Report
- P2. Chief Counsel Report
- P3. Deputy Director's Report
  - Sales and Use Tax
     There are no items for this matter.
  - b. Property and Special Taxes ...... Mr. Gau
    - 1. Fiscal Year 2009/10 Tobacco Products Rate Setting+

Update on staff's research in exploring a data source for calculation of the Board's annual determination of the Tobacco Products Tax Rate under Revenue and Taxation Code sections 30126 and 30131.5.

2. Supplemental Reporting Requirements for Nonprofit Hospitals+

Board Member Yee's proposal that a select percentage of nonprofit hospitals eligible for the Welfare Exemption from property taxation be examined in 2009 using a proposed draft Supplemental Reporting form.

- c. Administration ...... Ms. Houser
  - 1. Facilities Update

A status report on issues related to the Headquarters building.

Budget Update 2008/09

Update on the Legislative Special Session to address the current budget situation.

Budget Update 2009/10

Update on the Governor's 2009/10 budget as it relates to the Board of Equalization.

- - 1. Update on Digital Board of Equalization

Status report on Board of Equalization efforts to implement the roadmap to becoming digital.

## Announcement of Closed Session ...... Ms. Olson

#### Q. Closed Session

- Q1. Discussion and approval of staff recommendations regarding settlement cases (Rev. & Tax. Code §§ 6901, 7093.5, 30459.1 and 50156.11)
- Q2. Pending litigation: Jonathan Harris v. Claude Parrish, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. NC039710, and Jonathan Harris v. Claude Parrish and the State Board of Equalization, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. NC050640 (Gov. Code § 11126(e))
- Q3. Pending litigation: Schroeder, et al. v. Board of Equalization, et al. Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2008-00004467-CU-MT-GDS; Frankot, et al. v. Board of Equalization, et al., Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2008-00012174-CU-PO-GDS; and, Allen, et al. v. Board of Equalization, et al., Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2008-00017014-CU-TT-GDS (Gov. Code § 11126(e)(2)(B)(i))
- Q4. Discussion and action on personnel matters (Gov. Code § 11126(a))

Announcement of Open Session ...... Ms. Olson

# **Adjourn**

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